

**HANSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF JULY 11, 2017
TOWN HALL, 542 LIBERTY STREET, HANSON, MA**

Called to Order at 7:00 PM under M.G.L. c 131, §40 and the Hanson By-Law 3-13, §5 and Rules and Regulations by Phil Clemons, Chairman, in Meeting Room A at the Town Hall.

Present: Phil Clemons, Chairman
Sharon LePorte, Member
Paul Andruk, Vice Chairman
Absent: Brenna Audette, Clerk
William Woodward, Member
Also Present: Laurie Muncy, Agent
Rebecca Nehiley, Administrative Assistant
Michael DeVeuve, Associate Member

Public Hearings

7:00 PM Continued Notice of Intent for the construction of an addition to a single family home and associated grading within the 100' buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 55 Leon Court, Map 2, Lot 6A for John Fortes (**DEP #SE175-0681**)

Mr. Fortes approached the Commission and submitted a revised plan dated 6/19/17. He said that his project had been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Clemons commented that the proposal was for a garage/addition on a slab and that Mr. Fortes proposed to clean up debris and plant trees as mitigation for the activity within the buffer zone. He asked if the driveway was to be pervious to which Mr. Fortes replied yes. Ms. Muncy said it was a difficult area but she had no concerns. She added that it was an improvement to the neighborhood and it's the smallest use of the property to make it livable. No abutters were present.

Motion to approve a variance for activity within the 50' No Build setback and 100' Riverfront Area buffer zone: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to approve an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to close the hearing: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

7:15 PM Notice of Intent for the construction of an above-ground regulator station with a driveway including site grading and utilities at Off Whitman Street, Map 106, Lot 11 for Columbia Gas of Massachusetts represented by Merrill Engineers & Land Surveyors, 427 Columbia Rd., Hanover, MA 02339 (**DEP #SE175-0684**) (**New Hearing**)

Motion to approve a Request for Continuance from the applicant and continue the hearing until July 25, 2017 at 7 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

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Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2017: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

7:30 PM Notice of Intent for construction of a 20 x 20 ft. shed/stable and horse corral (adjustable panels) at 122 Indian Head St., Map 47, Lot 1-1 for Keith Boyle, 122 Indian Head St., Hanson, MA **(DEP #SE175-0683) (New Hearing)**

Mr. Clemons read the Public Hearing Notice and the abutters were verified. Mr. Boyle approached the Commission and presented his plan dated 6/20/17. He proposed to construct a 20' x 20' shed on sonna tubes that will house 2 horses. Mr. Clemons read the Manure Control Statement dated 6/20/17 as well as a memo from Matt Tanis dated 7/10/17 regarding additional Board of Health comments (attached). Ms. LePorte asked if the insecticide was approved to use near cranberry bogs to which Mr. Boyle replied yes. Mr. Clemons referred to a letter from DEP that inquired about the location of the fencing for the corral. Mr. Boyle replied that it was a temporary fence that would be located at least 10' from the boundaries of the resource areas. Mr. Clemons reflected on the question of whether locating and relocating a fence with horses would be considered "work within the buffer zone" and was concerned that 2 large animals depositing nutrients and obliterating vegetation within 10' from open water would fail to have an impact. He said it was a concern because nitrogen and phosphorous are a big problem for all water bodies. He suggested installing the moveable fence elsewhere, at least 50' from the resource areas. Ms. Muncy made the suggestion of a silt sock or a mounded, mulched berm planted with wetland species that would prevent erosion. Mr. Clemons agreed and said it would amount to restoring that area with natural vegetation that would absorb nutrients and rainfall. It would have to be 10' from the edge of the resource areas and 1 ½ to 2 feet wide. Mr. Boyle said that he would be willing to do that. Mr. Clemons asked for comments from abutters. Those present were:

Melissa Sullivan, Indian Head St. – Had concerns with infiltration of horse waste into the pond, erosion of the banks of the canal and whether this was setting a precedent. Ms. LePorte said that every situation is different and would require its own filing.

Motion to continue the hearing until 7/25/17 at 7:45 PM: Paul Andruk

Second: Sharon LePorte

Vote: 3-0-0

7:45 PM Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions to replace the three six-inch pipes with two eighteen-inch pipes at the two culvert crossings within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 100 Greenbrier Lane, Map 108, Lot 5-24A for Joseph Memo represented by Webby Engineering, Inc., 180 County Rd., Plympton, MA **(DEP #SE175-0673) (New Hearing)**

Mr. Clemons said that the plan had been revised but the Commission has not received stormwater calculations, which is the central issue. To that end, the Commission reviewed an estimate from John W. Delano & Associates, Inc. for review of the revised plan and forthcoming storm water calculations from Webby Engineering.

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Motion to approve Mr. Delano's estimate for review: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion to continue the hearing until 7/25/17 at 7:15 PM per request of applicant:

Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0

Discussions

0 Liberty Street, Map 91, Lot 12-1 - see public hearing notice from Zoning Board of Appeals

The Commission reviewed a proposed plan for which a Notice of Intent will likely be filed in the future. They had the following comments to be addressed in a memo to the ZBA:

- The 50' buffer zone is mislabeled as the 100' buffer zone
- There was a concern with runoff of oil from vehicles in the parking lot
- In regards to the planting schedule, Burning Bush is invasive and should be removed from the plan and Bradford Pear is also discouraged

Mr. Clemons distributed draft trail maps to the Commission. Two are for conservation properties and one is for the Plymouth County Hospital which is technically not conservation land but could be in the future. The maps were produced with able assistance from the Commission's summer intern, Emily Murad, who is to be a senior at the University of New England in Maine with a major in environmental studies with two minors: climate change and sociology. Ms. LePorte said that the maps were very informative and would be useful for self-guided tours.

Old Business/New Business

Enforcement Order for 357 Phillips Street – **ratified**

Benjamin Forestry Services Inc./Invoices – **signed**

Ben Meadows/Invoices – **signed**

Express Newspaper/Invoice – **signed**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM: Sharon LePorte

Second: Paul Andruk

Vote: 3-0-0